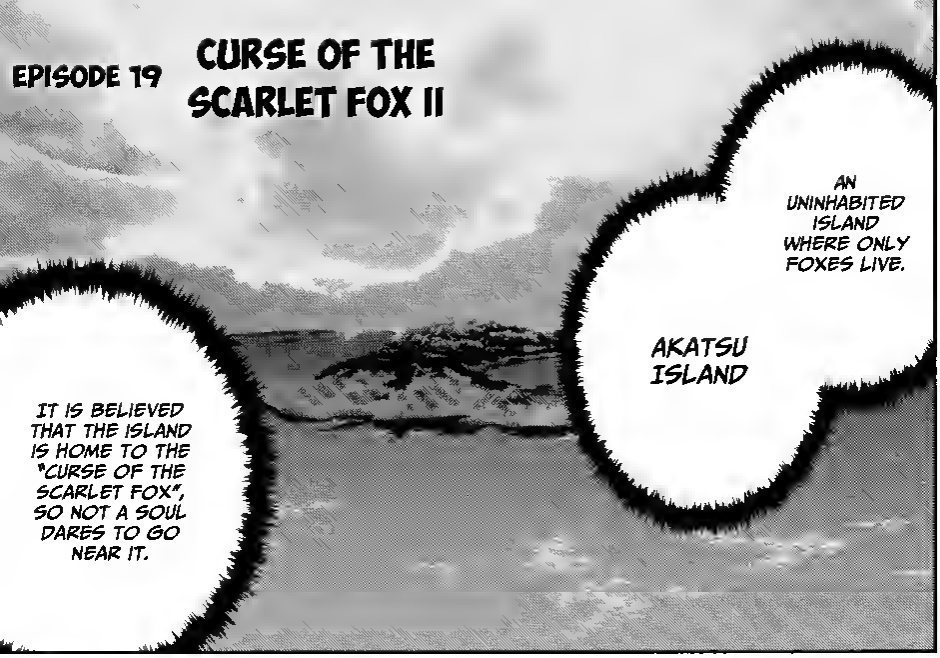
EPISODE 19
CURSE OF THE SCARLET FOX II
AN UNINHABITED ISLAND WHERE ONLY FOXES LIVE.
AKATSU ISLAND
IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ISLAND IS HOME TO THE "CURSE OF THE SCARLET FOX", SO NOT A SOUL DARES TO GO NEAR IT.

LAY THREE BLOOD-STAINED CORPSES...

ABOARD THAT SAME YACHT...
AND THEN...

HOWEVER, ONE YACHT HAPPENED TO GO NEAR THE ISLAND...

SFX: SQUEEZE
FOX BLOOD AND FUR WAS FOUND.
IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, IT'S FOX BLOOD.
WAS THE FUR OF FOXES...
WHAT'S MORE, UNEXPECTEDLY, NEAR AND ON THE CORPSES...

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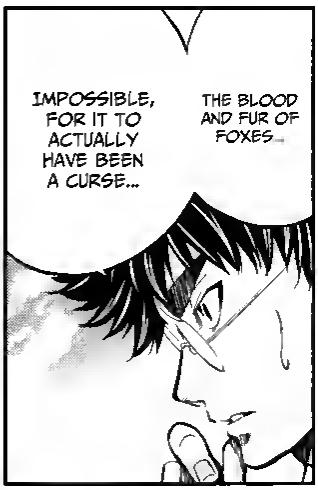
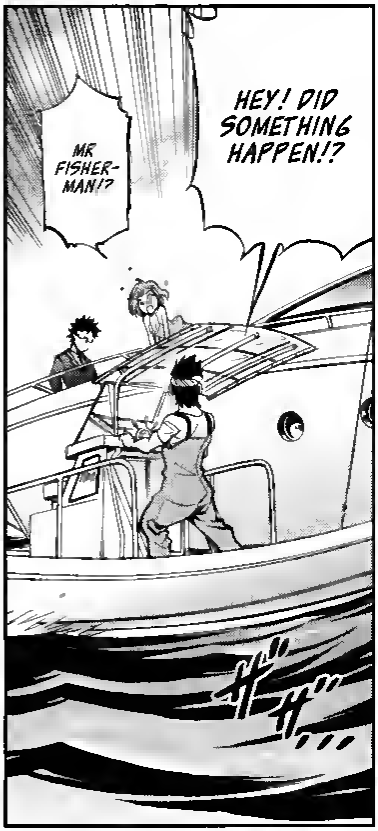
SFX SPLASH

SFX GULP





SFX WHOOSH

HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT, AN ATTACK BY A GROUP OF FOXES IS THE ONLY POSSIBILITY...
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SFX GLANCE
OF COURSE IT IS...
THE BLOOD AND FUR LEFT BEHIND HERE, IT'S THE SAME AS THE STORY OF THE THREE HUNTERS FROM FIFTY YEARS AGO... ISN'T IT?
THIS IS A CURSE!
FOXES WOULDN'T ATTACK A BOAT DIRECTLY...

KINOSHITA
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE ISLAND.
A MESSAGE FROM THE FOXES TELLING US THAT THIS IS A CURSE...
AS I THOUGHT, THIS IS ..
CLICK
LET'S SEE...
OK.
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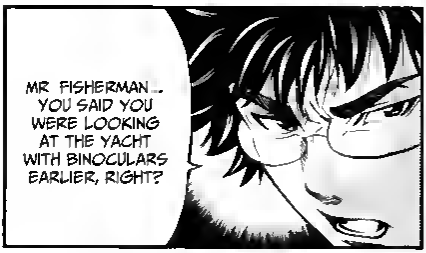
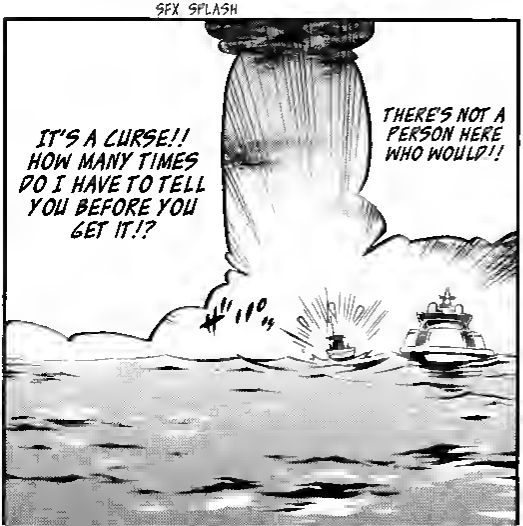
SFX REACH
EH?
THE ISLAND LOOKS SORT OF... WEIRD...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
UWAH!

SFX GASP



SFX SPLASH

SFX *THROB* *THROB*



EEEK
WOAH
YOU CAN'T GO...
SFX SPLASH
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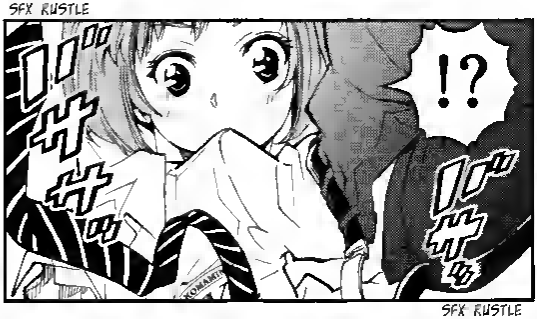
SFX RUMBLE RUMBLE (THUNDER)
!!
IT'S THE CURSE OF THE SCARLET FOX!!
YOU GUYS REALLY CAN'T GO!!
SFX WHOOSH
SFX FSHHHH
YOU'VE GONE TOO CLOSE TO THE ISLAND!!
I'M GOING BACK TO THE HARBOR NOW!!
THEY'RE SERIOUSLY PISSED NOW!!
It's already too late!!

Oooh,
Owwww...
I-, IT REALLY IS THE CURSE OF THE SCARLET FOX...
This too!
SFX DRIP DRIP
SFX THUD!!
OW...!!
SFX RATTLE!
SFX THUD
KYA!!!
THE BOAT IS...
UH!
SFX STAGGER
TH..
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
SFX SPARKLE
EVEN IF IT'S NOT A CURSE, IT'S JUST COMMON SENSE YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
DANGEROUS OBJECTS ARE FLYING AROUND HERE
SEN-PAI...
THE INVESTIGATION IS AT A STANDSTILL... ...IS GOING TO THAT ISLAND REALLY OUR ONLY MOVE LEFT..?
.....
BUT IF WE DID THAT, THE CURSE WOULD GET US...
SFX UH-OH

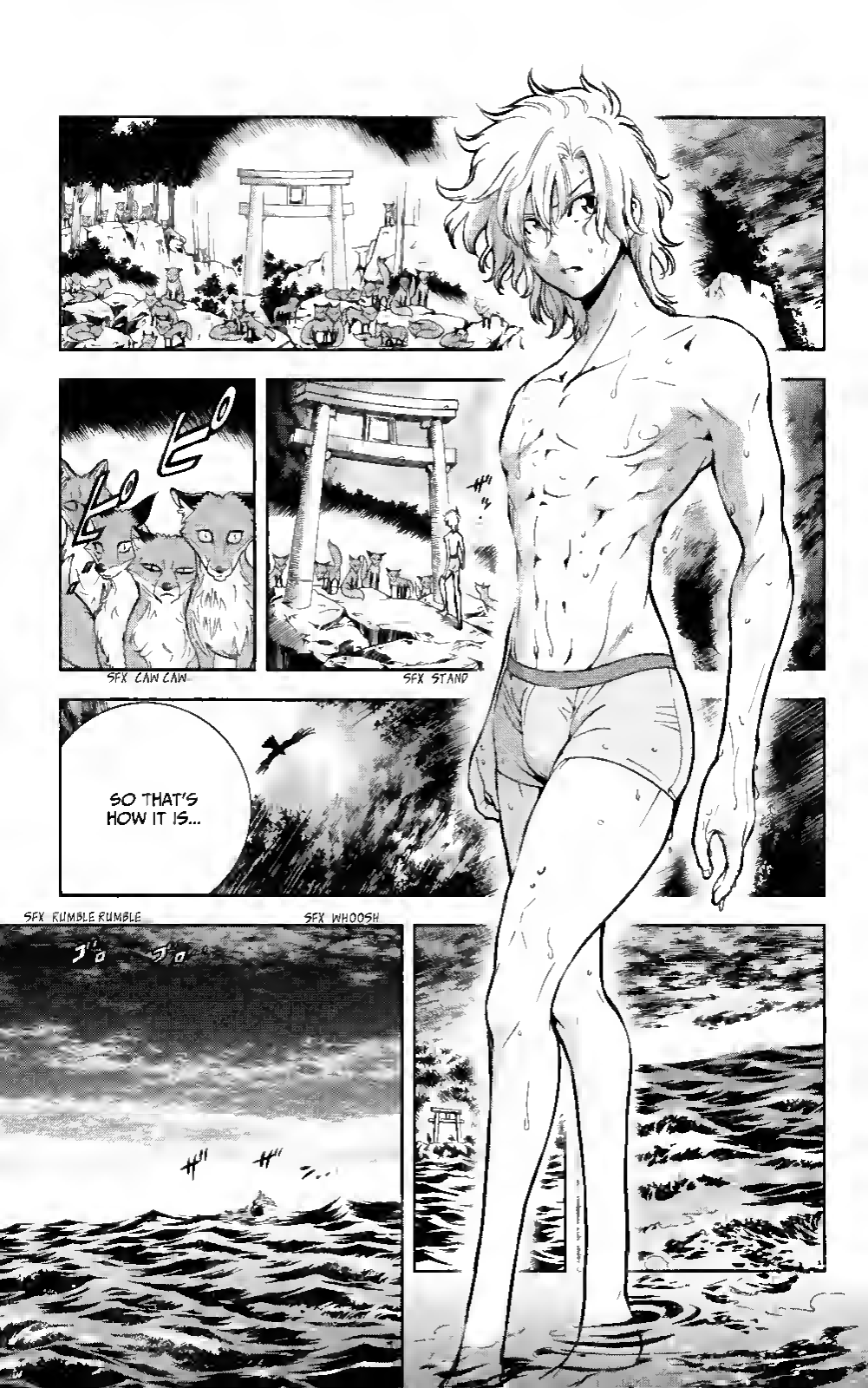
EEEE!!
WH-WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING ALL OF A SUDDEN...?


SFX RUSTLE
!?
SFX RUSTLE

HUH?
HOLD MY UNIFORM FOR ME.

I'M GOING ALONE!!!
SFX: "LO"!
SENPAI!?
HE-, HEY!!

HE...HE'S FAST!
Even in these big waves
SFX SPLISH-SPLASH
.....
SENPAI
SFX SQUEEZE
SFX WHOOSH
SFX WHOOSH
SFX SPLASH SPLASH
SO THIS IS AKATSU ISLAND.. HUH
PHEW
SFX SPLASH

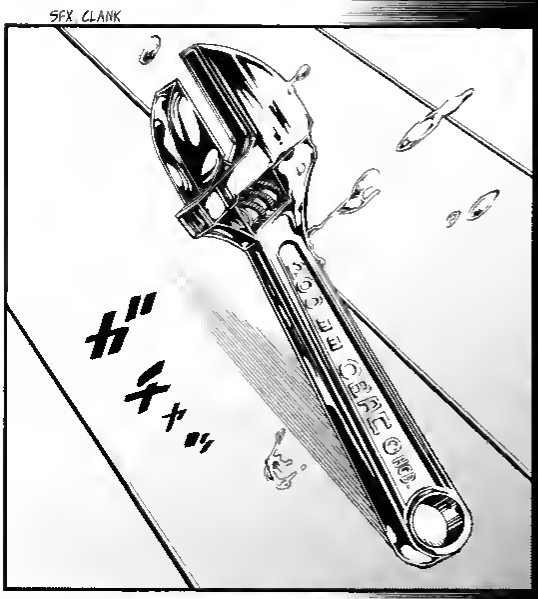

SFX CAW CAW
SFX STAND
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...
SFX RUMBLE RUMBLE
SFX WHOOSH

SENPAI IS GONE!
WHAT!?
SFX WHOOSH
THAT GUY... IS IT OKAY FOR HIM TO DISEMBARK ON HIS OWN?
SFX SPLASH
HUH?
SFX TURN
WHERE COULD YOU HAVE GONE?! SENPAI!!!
スチャッ
SFX CLICK
KAZA-OKAAA!!
IT CAN'T BE, SENPAI! SENPAAAI!
WHERE ARE YOUUU!?
WERE YOU TAKEN BY THIS ISLAND'S CURSE...!?
NO WAY...
SFX RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

SUZUMORI-SAN
STOP TALKING!!
You're saying such ill-omened things
BU-, BUT IT'S ALREADY BEEN TWENTY MINUTES
SFX DRIP DRIP
SFX HOWL
INSPECTOR NIKAIDO, I THINK CALLING THE COAST GUARD TO CONDUCT A RESCUE MISSION WOULD BE A GOOD
WITH THE OCEAN IN THIS CONDITION, IT WOULD BE HARD FOR A NORMAL PERSON TO
IT COULD BE POSSIBLE THAT HE'S ALREADY
.....
SFX WHOOSH
IT'S ALREADY BEEN TWENTY MINUTES
YOU MEAN IT'S ONLY BEEN TWENTY MINUTES
SFX TURN
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, KAZAOKA!?
Senpai!!
KAZAOKA-SENPAI!

I SYNTHESIZED A SPECIAL TYPE OF LIPID, AN "ULTRA-LIPID"!!
HYPER QUANTUM BUILDING-BLOCK SYSTEM
DRIVE !!!!!
I SEARCHED THE OCEAN FLOOR FROM THE ISLAND TO THE CRUISER.
CHECKING TO SEE IF SOMETHING HAD FALLEN FROM THE YACHT AND SANK,
WAIT A SECOND... HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO STAY UNDERWATER FOR OVER TWENTY MINUTES...?
BEFORE DIVING, THROUGH THE USE OF MY QUANTUM BRAIN, I CONTROLLED THE CHEMICAL MAKEUP OF MY BODY AND MODIFIED THE SECRETIONS OF MY BRAIN.
WITH THE SUPERCOMPUTER IN MY BRAIN... IT HAS THE ABILITY TO CONTROL ELEMENTS ON A QUANTUM LEVEL.

KEI SCIENCE NOTE: "LIPIDS" EXIST IN THE BODY, AND ARE A SUBSTANCE THAT MELTS IN THE PRESENCE OF WATER. THE SPECIAL LIPID CREATED BY KEI'S BRAIN IS A COMPOSITION OF THE MONOGLYCERIDE, DIGLYCERIDE, TRIGLYCERIDE, AND PHOSPHOLIPID LIPIDS, WHOSE PARTICLE SIZE RANGES FROM TWO TO FOUR MICROMETERS. IN JUNE 2012, BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL'S RESEARCH TEAM HAD DEVELOPED A LIPID WITH THE SAME CHARACTERISTICS.


SFX: CLANK
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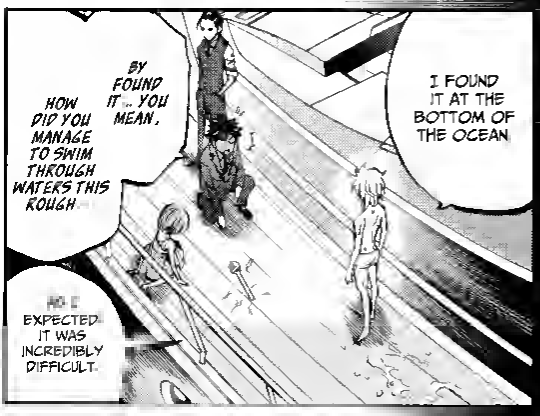
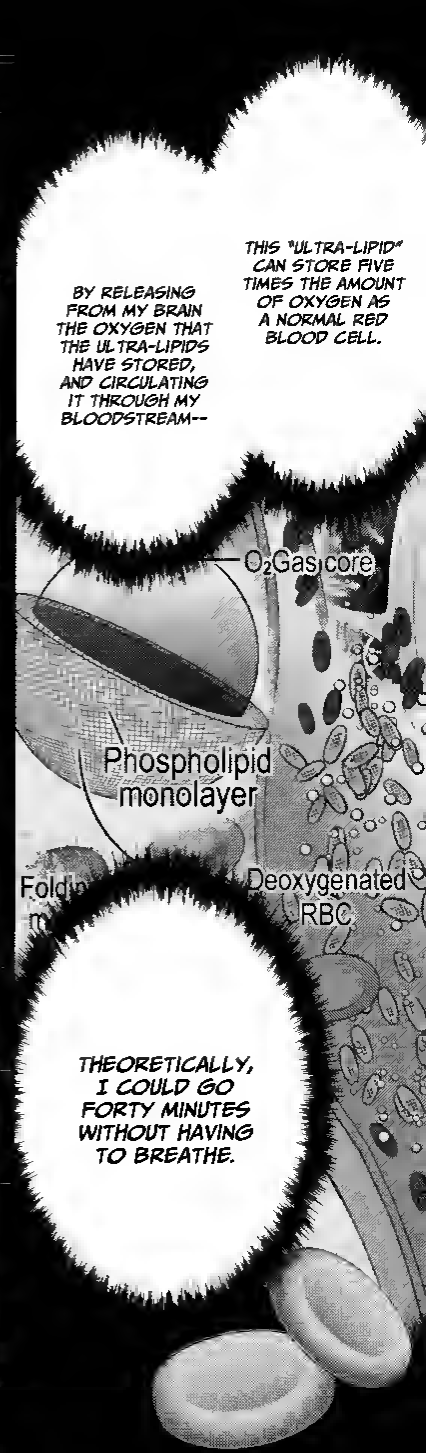
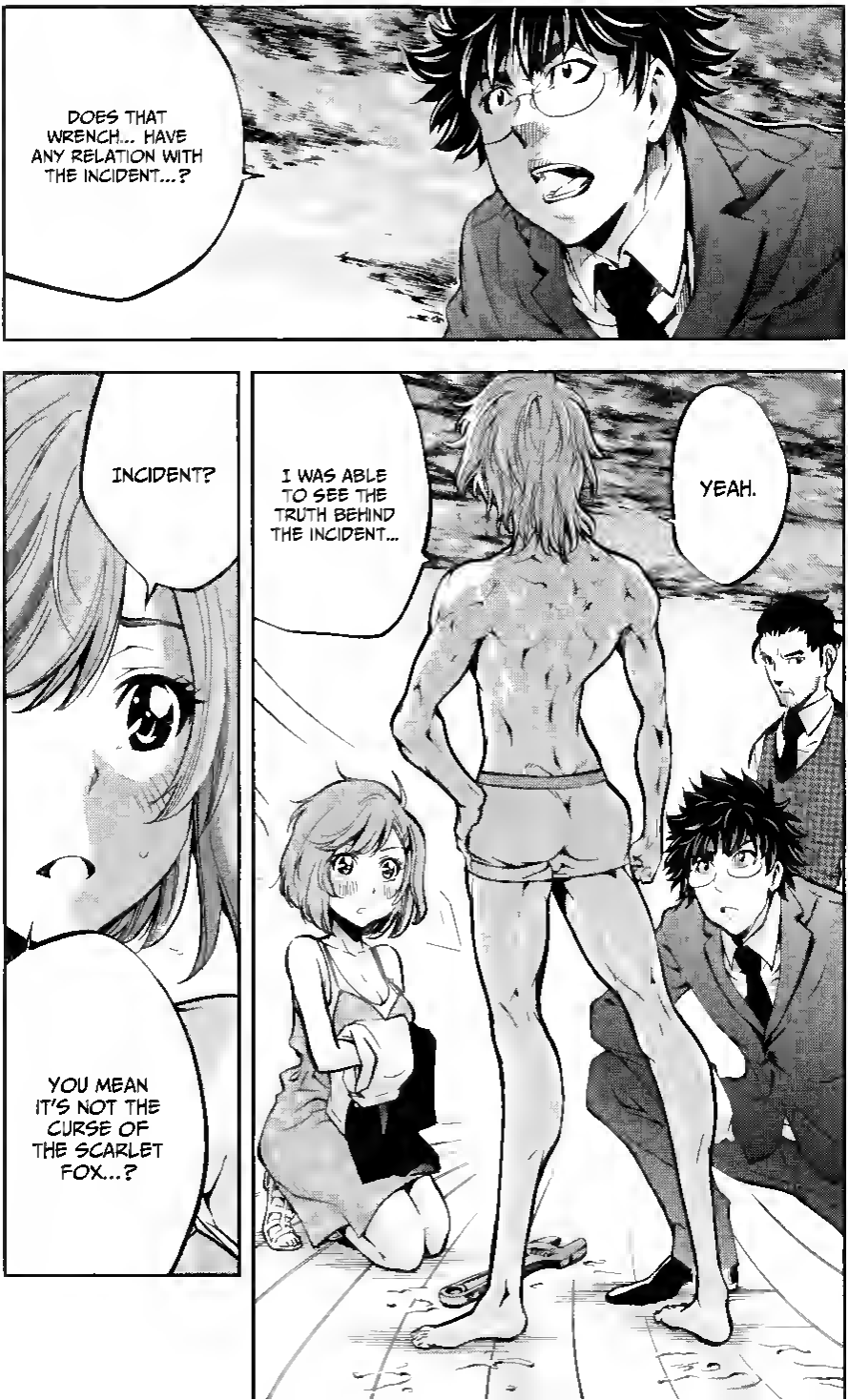
GOOD BOAT CHOICE.

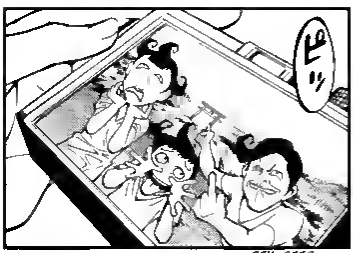
A WRENCH?
...WAS IT FROM THIS BOAT?


I FOUND IT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN.
BY FOUND IT... YOU MEAN.
HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO SWIM THROUGH WATERS THIS ROUGH...
AND I EXPECTED IT WAS INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT.


THIS "ULTRA-LIPID" CAN STORE FIVE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF OXYGEN AS A NORMAL RED BLOOD CELL.
BY RELEASING FROM MY BRAIN THE OXYGEN THAT THE ULTRA-LIPIDS HAVE STORED, AND CIRCULATING IT THROUGH MY BLOODSTREAM--
O2Gas core
Phospholipid monolayer
Deoxygenated RBC
THEORETICALLY, I COULD GO FORTY MINUTES WITHOUT HAVING TO BREATHE.


DOES THAT WRENCH... HAVE ANY RELATION WITH THE INCIDENT...?
INCIDENT?
YOU MEAN IT'S NOT THE CURSE OF THE SCARLET FOX...?
I WAS ABLE TO SEE THE TRUTH BEHIND THE INCIDENT...
YEAH.

THIS ISN'T MERELY AN INCIDENT.
THIS IS THE RESULT OF UNBELIEVABLY UNLIKELY EVENTS OVERLAPPING.
IT'S A TRAGEDY.
.....
HOWEVER, WHAT ACTUALLY CAUSED THIS TRAGEDY,
...MAY ACTUALLY BE THE EFFECT OF A CURSE.



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